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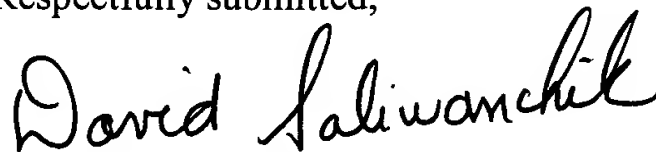
Sir:

On September 11, 2003, a Supplemental Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111 was submitted to the U.S. Patent Office which also included a copy of an article by Julia Cina entitled "High Yield Protein Production from Pichia pastoris Yeast: A Protocol for Benchtop Fermentation." The copy of the article did not have the date of publication. Please note that the date of publication of the article was is May 1999.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicants also invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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